## Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

## **Employee Business Expenses**

➤ Attach to Form 1040.

Social security number | Occupation in which expenses were incurred

Employer's name	Employer's address

## Instructions

Include all expenses you paid as an employee, or expenses you charged to your employer (for example, through use of credit cards), or expenses for which you received an advance, allowance, or reimbursement.

Travel and Transportation.-You can deduct bus, taxi, plane, train fares, and the cost of using your car in your work.

If you use your own car for business reasons. you can deduct what it cost you for business use. Instead of figuring your actual expenses such as gas, oil, repairs, license tags, insurance, and depreciation, you may prefer to take a standard mileage rate.

This is figured at 17 cents a mile (15 cents a mile for taxable years beginning after 1973 and before 1977) for the first 15,000 miles and 10 cents for each mile over 15,000. Add to this amount the business portion of automobile interest and State and local taxes (other than gasoline), parking fees, and tolls. (The nonbusiness portion of interest and State and local taxes (including gasoline) may be deducted as an itemized deduction if you elect to itemize your deductions). For automobiles that have been or are considered fully depreciated under the straight-line method of depreciation, the standard mileage rate is 10 cents a mile for all business mileage.

To determine if your automobile has been fully depreciated under the straight-line method of depreciation, apply the following rule.

If you use the optional method of computing

automobile will not be considered to have become fully depreciated until the end of such useful life. However, if at any time during the period that you use the automobile for business purposes you computed and deducted the actual costs of all operating and fixed cost of the automobile for business purposes, the useful life of the automobile to you will be the estimated period on which you based your computation of the allowable straight-line depreciation deduction for the year. Thereafter, regardless of whether you use the actual cost method or the optional method for subsequent taxable years, the automobile will be considered fully depreciated at the end of the period estimated to be its useful life to you.

The use of the optional method is limited to a self-employed individual or an employee who operates only one automobile at a time for business purposes. If you alternate in using different automobiles on different occasions for business purposes or replace your automobile during the year, the standard mileage rate applies to the combined total business mileage of the automobiles, as if they were one, to arrive at a deduction.

The optional method cannot be used if you have claimed depreciation in a prior year using a method other than straight-line (or if you have claimed additional first-year depreciation), use the automobile for hire, such as taxicabs, or two or more automobiles used at the same time, such as in fleet operations.

Use of the optional method will not prevent you from claiming an investment credit so long as you can properly establish that the useful life

ness. Your "home" for this purpose is your principal or regular post of duty. You cannot deduct the cost of meals on daily trips where you did not need sleep or rest.

Outside Salesperson.-In addition to the above, an outside salesperson can generally deduct other expenses necessary in sales work, for example, selling expenses, stationery, and postage. An outside salesperson is one who does all selling away from the employer's place of business. If your main duties are service and delivery, such as a milk driver-salesperson, you are not considered an outside salesperson.

Other Business Expenses .- If you itemize deductions on Schedule A, you can also deduct other business expenses under the heading "Miscellaneous deductions." Examples of these expenses are dues to unions and professional organizations and the cost of tools, materials, etc., that your employer did not pay for.

Limitations apply to deductions relating to the use of your home for business purposes. Under these rules, you must use a portion of your home as an office exclusively on a regular basis in connection with your employer's trade or business and for the convenience of your employer to be able to deduct the expenses alloca-ble to that portion. For more information, see **Publication 587**, Business Use of Your Home.

There is a limitation on the amount of expenses that can be deducted for transportation, meals, lodging, etc. for attending no more than two foreign conventions during the taxable year.

For a detailed explanation of the rules for deductions for travel, entertainment, and gift ex-

bength of time that you use the automobile for 3468). ment, and Gift	903 to compute any moving ex-
PART I.—Employee Business Expenses Deductible in Computing Adjusted Gross Income on Form	1040, Line 31
1 Airplane, boat, railroad, etc., fares	• •
2 Meals and lodging	
3 Automobile expenses (from Part IV)	
4 Other (specify) (Include expenses not listed on lines 1 through 3 to extent of reimbursement)	
5 Total of lines 1 through 4	
6 Less: Employer's payments for above expenses (other than amounts included on Form W-2)	
7 Excess expenses (line 5 less line 6). Enter here and include on Form 1040, line 23	
8 Excess payments (line 6 less line 5). Enter here and include on Form 1040, line 20	
1 Business expenses other than those included above (specify) ▶	
Total	
Name of educational institution or activity	
2 Address >	
3 Were you required to undertake this education to meet the minimum educational requirements to qua employment, trade or business?	ilify in your
4 Will the study program undertaken qualify you for a new trade or business?	· · · . D Yes D No
5 If your answer to question 3 or 4 is No, state the reason for obtaining the additional education and show courses taken and your employment during the period	·
6 List the principal subjects studied at the educational institution or describe your educational activity	

PART IV.—Autom	bile Expenses	(Use eith	er the r	egular or th	ne optional meth	od.)		
					Automobile	1 Autom	obile 2	Automobile 3
A. Months automob	ile held for busin	ess use			mo	onths	months	months
B. Total mileage fo							miles	miles
C. Portion of total	nileage applicabl	le to busi	iness	<u></u>	l r	miles	miles	miles
Regular Method: (I	clude expenses	only for t	he numb	er of month	s indicated in A a	bove.)		
1 Gasoline, oil, lu	brication, etc							
2 Repairs								
3 Tires, supplies,	etc				4			
4 Other: (a) Insu	rance							
(b) Taxe	s							
(c) Tags	and licenses .							
(d) Inter	est							
(e) Misc	ellaneous							
5 Total								
6 Percentage of e	xpense applicabl	le to bus	ines <b>s (</b> lin	e C above		_	~	<u></u>
divided by line	B above)					<u> %</u>		
7 Business portion	(line 5 multiplie	d by line	6)					
8 Depreciation fro	m Part VI, columi	n (h) .						
9 Line 8 divided by	12 months							
10 Multiply line 9 l								
11 Total (line 7 plus	line 10) (see lin	e 19) .	<u>· · · · ·                              </u>	· · · · ·				
Optional Method:								1
12 Enter 15,000 m			_					miles
13 Multiply line 12								
14 Any excess of the								miles
15 Multiply line 14	-							
16 Total mileage ra								
17 Business portion								
18 Total (line 16 pl Summary:	us line 17)	• • •	<del>· · · ·</del>	• • •	· · · · · ·	<u> </u>	• • • •	<u> </u>
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19 Enter the combi								
20 Add parking fee 21 Total. Enter here								
PART V.—Compu							<u> </u>	
Old Car Traded In:					Present Car:			
1 (a) Total mileas	ro accumulated		l	miles		rice or other basi		l
• •	licable to busine			miles	1 '	nated salvage val		
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(c) Percentage applicable to business (line (b) divided by line (a))				12 Balance (line 10 less line 11)				
2 Purchase price or other basis				6 of Part IV				
3 Less: Trade-in allowance					r plus (loss) on li			
4 Difference (line	=					. p.ao (1000) 011 11		
5 Line 4 multiplie				******	15 Basis for co	omputing depreci	ation	<u> </u>
					Note: If you	acquired the vel	icle for casi	h only, or by trade-in
6 Less gain or p								iness, complete only
<del>-</del>					lines .	10 through 15. If	acquired by	y trade-in of another
7 Difference (line								ss, complete lines 1
through 15. (Recompute the basis for deprecial								
9 Gain (line 8 less line 7) or (loss) (line 7 each succeeding year if the percentage of business changes.)								tage of pusifiess use
less line 8) on b	usiness portion of	of car			Chang	,,		
PART VI.—Depred	iation of Autom	obile						
Make and style of veh	cle Date	Basis (	From line Part V)	Age when	Depreciation allowed	Method of computing depreciation	Rate (%) or life (years) (g)	Depreciation for a year
(a)	acquired (b)		(c)	acquired (d)	in prior years (e)	(f)	(g)	for a year (h)
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